[Mr. Kannanthodath K. Janardhanan Nair.]

(*c*) the total amount of land revenue collected up to date ; and

(*d*) the total amount of fees collected for demand notices from that taluk in 1114 ?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : (*a*) Rs. 1,40,763- 1-0.

(*b*) Rs. 9,087-15-9.

(*c*) Rs. 1,18,195-15-9.

(*d*) Rs. 2,168-20-0.

MR. KANNANTHODATH K. JANARDHANAN NAIR : May I know the number of demand notices issued in Karunagapally during the last 12 months ?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO : I claim notice.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : May I know whether the arrears of land revenue to be collected in that taluk are much heavier than those of the other taluks.

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO : That taluk has the heaviest arrears of land revenue.

Manager in the office of the Inspector-General of Police.

185. ***MR. KANNANTHODATH K.JANARDHANAN NAIR** (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Manager of the Inspector-General's (Police) Office is under suspension at present ;

(*b*) whether that office was audited just after the suspension of the Manager ;

(*c*) whether the auditors have submitted their report ; and

(*d*) what action has been taken on that report ?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB (*Inspector-General of Police*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The office was audited from 6-3-39, while the Manager was placed under suspension from 8-3-39.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The matter is under consideration.

Cold Storage Plant.

186. ***MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total amount spent by Government on the Cold Storage Plant of the Fisheries Department ;

(*b*) the period during which the plant was worked for the preservation of fish ; and

(*c*) the date on which it ceased to be worked and the reasons therefor ?

MR. K. R NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*) :

(*a*) Rs. 22,344-23-12.

(*b*) Five months and 11 days from 10-12-1113 M. E.

(*c*) The Cold Storage Plant has not completely ceased to work. The retail sale of fish by the Departmental agency in the Municipal area of Trivandrum was temporarily stopped with a view to satisfy the

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local fishermen who, at the investigation of the Political agitators, complained that the sale of frozen fish was adversely affecting the sale of their raw fish. The question of working the Plant again and the manner in which it could be best done is now under the consideration of Government.

Cold Storage Plant.

187. ✻ **MR. K. R. NARAYANAN** (*Vaikam* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state the amount spent till now for the cold storage plant?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture and Fisherie*): Rs. 22,344-23-12.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: Is the Cold Storage Plant working now?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It is not working just now.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: May I know why?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The reason is given in part (c) of question No. 186. The working of the plant was stopped on account of the political agitation.

PRESIDENT: The political agitators printed some pamphlets and distributed them among the fishermen saying that it was a new way of victimising them. Some of the pamphlets are placed on the Secretary's table. It was also circulated by the political body that it was a part of Government's policy to starve the millions of fishermen.

New bridge in the Quilon-Mukhathala road.

188. ✻ **MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether representations have been made to the Government or the P. W. D. that the new bridge (now under construction) in the Quilon-Mukhathala road is insufficient to carry the flood water from one side of the Ela to the other;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken by them in the matter;

(*c*) whether complaints have been received from the ryots of the place to the effect that rain water washed away their cultivation and silted up their paddy lands;

(*d*) whether, and if so, what action has been taken in regard to the complaints referred to in (*c*); and

(*e*) the estimated loss suffered by the ryots on account of the flooding of their lands during the monsoon this year?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR (*Deputy Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes. By the P. W. D.

(*b*) The site was inspected and steps taken to provide a spillway on the embankment of the road to the west of the new bridge as an outlet for surplus flood water.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Site was inspected by officers of the P. W. D. and steps taken to provide preventive measures for relief.

(*e*) Not known.

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